Shiftig of Head quarters of Damodar Valley Corporation

2086. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to shift the headquarters of Damodar Valley Corporation from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A suggestion to this effect has been received from one of the Members of Parliament.

(b) No view has yet been taken in the matter.

Memorandum from the Coal India Officers Association

2087. SHRI K VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received a detailed memorandum from the Coal Mines Officers' Association of India in 1985, listing specific instances of mismanagement, corruption and misuse of official powers by the Chairman and other senior officers of Coal India Limited;

(b) whether the matter has been inquired into and if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the details of the action or proposed to be taken by the Govt ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. A memorandum was received from the Coal Mines Officers' Association of India in June, 1985 alleging, among other things, irregular allotment of coal to private parties, transfer of an official of CCL at the instance of a local contractor and blacklisting and re-enlisting of firms.

(b) and (c) Alleged irregular sale of coal from Singrauli Coalfields has been referred to the CBI for investigation. All other allegations have been found to be without substance.

Clandestine Refining of mobile oil

2088. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the functioning of some clandestine refineries in any part of the country to refine mobil oil and market the spurious product in sealed tins under the braud names of the Indian Oil, the Hindustan Petroleum and the Bharat Petroleum;

(b) if so, what are the details in regard thereto;

(c) what action has been taken against the rocketeers running these clandestine refineries; and

(d) what are the particulars of the persons involved this fraud?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Sporadic reports about sale of spurious lubricating oil in sealed containers of the brand names of Indian Oil, Hindustan Petroleum & Bharat Petroleum in some parts of the country have been received. In particular, a report about operation of three mobil oil refineries and five packaging units in Indore District of Madhya Pradesh for the past few years came to notice in September, 1985 Raids were conducted by the District authorities in co-ordination with the District Co-ordinator of the Oil industry and nine (9) persons were caught red-handed while re-packing spurious oil under the popular brand names of these oil companies.

(c) Normally, to ensure that any spurious oils do not get sold through the retail outlets and kerosene/LDO